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Nays: Messrs. Speaker, Charlton, Dickson, Fields, Hardeman of Nacogdoches, Jowers, McKinney, Patrick, Polk, Shaw, Speights, Stapp, and Stewart—13.

So the House adjourned.

AUSTIN, November 22, 1850.

House met pursuant to adjournment—rolled called—quorum present.

Absentees—Messrs. Bee, Crump, Gillet, Owen, Stapp, Taylor of Harrison, and Winfield.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Smith of Red River, submitted the petition of Lorenzo Henderson praying for relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Smith of Red River submitted the petition of Mary W. Donoho, praying for relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Tarrant submitted the petition of Elijah Allen praying for relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Charlton submitted the petition of the heirs of William Gibbs deceased, praying for relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Burney introduced the petition of Z. N. Morrell praying for relief; referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Cochran submitted the petition of A. D. Rice praying for relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Cochran submitted the petition of H. J. McKinzie praying for relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Tarrant submitted the petition of James M. Riggs, praying for relief; referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Tarrant, Patrick, and Shepard.

Mr. Tarrant submitted the petition of sundry citizens of Peter's colony, praying for relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Tarrant submitted the petition of B. P. Hammett praying for relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Tarrant submitted the petition of L. T. M. Plumer praying for relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Shea submitted the petition of Henry Tiermester praying for relief; referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Taylor of Harrison, submitted the petition of the Marshall Lodge No. 24, of Freemasons, praying for a grant of land for the use and benefit of the Masonic Female Institute in the town of Marshall; referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Lott, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents for lands therein named; reported the bill back to the House and recommended its passage.

Report and bill laid on the table to come up amongst the orders of the day.

Mr. Lott, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to legalize a copy of the records in the office of the County Surveyor of Washington County; reported the bill back to the House without amendment and recommended its passage.

Report and bill laid on the table to come up among the orders of the day.

Mr. Burney, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Berry Merchant; reported the same back to the House without amendment and recommended its passage.

Report and bill laid on the table to come up among the orders of the day.

Mr. Burney, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James Cheshier, Senr.; reported the same back to the House without amendment and recommended its passage.

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Mr. Burney, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Reuben R. Brown, reported a bill for his relief and recommended its passage.

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Mr. Tarrant, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Galveston and Brazos Navigation company; reported

the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Report and bill laid on the table to come up among the orders of the day.

Mr. Tarrant, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Brazoria county, praying for a charter to construct a plank road; reported a bill embracing that object and recommended its passage.

Report and bill laid on the table to come up among the orders of the day.

A message was received from the Senate, through their Secretary, Mr. Raymond, informing the House that the Senate had passed a joint resolution refunding to Major W. S. Henry the fine imposed upon him by sentence of a court martial in the 9th military department of the United States, in which all rules were suspended,—also, that the Senate had passed a resolution to convene in the Hall of the House of Representatives in joint session on Tuesday the 30th inst., at three o'clock p. m. to count the vote of the people of this State for and against the proposition of the United States to Texas, for the purchase of her Northwestern territory, and requested the concurrence of the house thereto.

The committee on engrossed bills, W. G. W. Jowers chairman, made the following report, which was accepted.

COMMITTEE ROOM, November 22, 1850.

Hon. C. G. KEENAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The committee on Engrossed Bills have examined a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate Fayette Academy in the county of Fayette; also, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal in part an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trinity plank road company, approved September 4, 1850; also, a bill to be entitled an act to permanently locate the seat of justice of Denton county, and find the same correctly engrossed.

Mr. Fields introduced a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Trinity and Galveston Navigation company; read first time.

Mr. Lloyd introduced a bill to be entitled an act to regulate the time of trial of causes in District Courts, and to provide for the summoning of witnesses to attend on particular days; read first time; rule suspended, bill read second time, and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. Dickson introduced a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Mac J. D. McKissack; read first time.

Mr. Wigfall introduced a bill to authorize the Executive Board of Managers of the Masonic Female Institute to confer degrees; read first time; rule suspended, read second time, and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Jowers introduced a joint resolution for the relief of Daniel Parker, jr.; read first time: rule suspended, read second time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams introduced a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of J. M. Day: read first time.

Mr. Williams introduced a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the citizens of Fannin county: read first time.

Mr. Stapp introduced a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the heirs of Andrew Kent, dec'd: read first time—rule suspended, bill read second time and referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. McKinney, Owen, and Taylor of Cass.

Mr. Clements introduced the following resolution—which was laid on the table one day for consideration.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, will adjourn *sine die* on Monday the second day of December 1850, at twelve o'clock, M.

Mr. Scott, of the select committee to whom was referred the joint resolution relative to the "Lost Book" of the Board of Land Commissioners of Harris, reported a substitute for the bill and recommend its passage; report and bill and substitute laid on the table to come up among the orders of the day.

Mr. Smith of Shelby introduced a bill to be entitled an act to regulate the pay of certain volunteers who served in 1842; read first time, rule suspended, bill read second time and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Tarrant, Chairman of a select committee to whom was referred the bill to authorize the Clerk of the County Court of Navarro county, to transcribe certain records, reported a substitute for the bill and recommend its passage. Report, bill and substitute laid on the table to come up among the orders of the day.

Mr. Stewart introduced a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of New Braunfels; read first time.

Mr. Stewart introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Public Debt be instructed to enquire into the expediency of sending a Special Agent to bring the five million of bonds to Austin, and of requiring the
to pay out the same at _____ per cent. premium, to such of the public creditors as hold par fund certificates, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise—adopted.

Mr. Burney introduced a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Zachariah N. Morrell; read first time.

Mr. Shepard introduced a joint resolution providing for the funding of the moneys set apart for common school purposes; read first time; rule suspended, read second time and referred to committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Lott submitted a remonstrance of the citizens of Kaufman county—referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

Mr. Runnels introduced a bill to be entitled an act regulating slaves; read first time; rule suspended, bill read second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion, the House proceeded to take up the business on the Speaker's table, and to the

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act accepting the propositions made by the United States to the State of Texas, in an act of the Congress of the United States, approved the 9th of September, 1850, and entitled "an act proposing to the State of Texas the establishment of her Northern and Western boundaries, the relinquishment by the said State of all territory claimed by her exterior to said boundaries, and of all her claims upon the United States, and to establish a Territorial government for New Mexico, on its second reading.

Mr. Wigfall's amendment to the preamble being before the House, the question was taken upon its adoption and lost.

Mr. Shepard offered the following as a substitute for the two last sections of the bill:

Therefore, 1st. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas*, That said Legislature hereby agrees to, and accepts said proposition, and from and after the compliance of the government of the United States with her part of said agreement, the boundary of the State of Texas on the North shall commence on the point at which the meridian of one hundred degrees west from Greenwich is intersected by the parallel of thirty-six degrees thirty minutes north latitude, and shall run from said point due west to the meridian of one hundred and three degrees west from Greenwich; thence her boundary shall run due south to the thirty-second degree of north latitude; thence on said parallel of thirty-two degrees of north latitude to the Rio Bravo del Norte; and thence with the channel of said river to the Gulf of Mexico.

Second. The State of Texas hereby cedes to the United States;

all her territory exterior to the limits and boundaries above agreed to, upon compliance of said government with her part of said agreement.

Third. The State of Texas hereby relinquishes to the United States, all claim for liability of the debts of Texas, and for compensation or indemnity for the surrender to the United States of her ships, forts, arsenals, customhouses, customhouse revenue, arms and munitions of war, and public buildings with their sites, which became the property of the United States at the time of annexation.

Fourth. That the Governor of this State be, and he is hereby, requested to cause a copy of this act, authenticated under the seal of the State, to be furnished to the President of the United States, by mail as early as practicable; and also, a copy thereof, certified in like manner, to be transmitted to each of the Senators and Representatives of Texas in Congress; and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

The yeas and nays being called for on its adoption, stood as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryan, Hunt, Shepard, Taylor of Harrison and Wigfall—5.

Nays—Messrs. Speaker, Bogart, Burney, Charlton, Clements, Cochran, Dickson, Fields, Franklin, Hardeman of Nacogdoches, Hardeman of Travis, Hendricks, Holland, Johnson, Jowers, Lewis, Lloyd, Lott, McKinney, Owen, Patrick, Polk, Reynolds, Runnels, Russell, Scott, Selman, Shaw, Shea, Smith of Red River, Smith of Shelby, Speights, Stapp, Sterne, Stewart, Tarrant, Taylor of Cass, Williams and Wren—39. So the substitute was rejected.

Mr. Stewart proposed the following amendment: strike out in first line of the first section, the words "Legislature" and insert in lieu thereof, the words "the State of Texas;" strike out in third line of same section, the words "of Texas," and insert before the word "State" in second line, the word "said;" upon which the yeas and nays were called, and stood as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bogart, Bryan, Burney, Charlton, Clements, Cochran, Dickson, Fields, Franklin, Hardeman of Travis, Hendricks, Holland, Hunt, Johnson, Jowers, Lewis, Lloyd, Lott, McKinney, Owen, Patrick, Runnels, Russell, Shaw, Shea, Shepard, Smith of Red River, Smith of Shelby, Speights, Stapp, Sterne, Stewart, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Harrison, Wigfall and Williams—36.

Nays—Messrs. Speaker, Hardeman of Nacogdoches, Polk,

Reynolds, Scott, Selman, Tarrant and Wren--8. So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Wigfall moved to lay the bill on the table and make it the special order for Tuesday next; upon which the yeas and nays were called for, and stood thus:

Yeas--Messrs. Bryan, Franklin, Hunt, Lewis, Shea, Shepard, Taylor of Harrison and Wigfall--9.

Nays--Messrs. Speaker, Bogart, Burney, Charlton, Cochran, Dickson, Fields, Hardeman of Nacogdoches, Hardeman of Travis, Hendricks, Holland, Johnson, Jowers, Lloyd, Lott, McKinney, Owen, Patrick, Polk, Reynolds, Runnels, Russell, Scott, Selman, Shaw, Smith of Red River, Smith of Shelby, Speights, Stapp, Sterne, Stewart, Tarrant, Taylor of Cass, Williams and Wren--35. So the motion was rejected.

Mr. Wigfall moved to adjourn until 1 o'clock P. M. Lost.

Mr. Wigfall then moved to adjourn to three o'clock, P. M. Lost.

Mr. Wigfall then moved to adjourn to half-past three o'clock, P. M. Lost.

Mr. Hardeman of Nacogdoches moved that the bill under consideration be now passed to a third reading, which was carried.

On motion the House adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment--roll called--quorum present.

A bill to be entitled an act, to authorize the settlers in Peter's Colony to intervene in suit or suits in reference to any matter connected with said Colony contracts where they have an interest, read 2nd time and referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Franklin, Hendricks, Lewis, and Taylor of Harrison.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, read 2nd time.

Mr. Scott moved to strike out "7th District" in the "eastern District" and insert "seventh district" in the "western District." Carried.

Mr. Bryan proposed the following amendment:

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That there shall be appointed a reporter by the Supreme Court to report the decisions of said Court, who shall report and publish in book form at his own expense 300 volumes of said decisions, and have the said books ready at each session of the Court for the use of the Court and

State. The said Reporter shall have a salary of \$3000, annually.

Mr. Taylor of Cass moved to amend the amendment of Mr. Bryan, by striking out "\$3000" and insert "\$2000."

On motion of Mr. Scott the amendments were laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Franklin moved that the bill be referred to a select committee, consisting of one member from each district, upon which the yeas and nays were called for and stood as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryan, Burney, Charlton, Clements, Dickson, Fields, Franklin, Hardeman of Nacog., Hardeman of Travis, Holland, Hunt, Jowers, Lloyd, McKinney, Owen, Patrick, Polk, Reynolds, Russell, Scott, Selman, Shaw, Shea, Shepard, Sterne, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Harrison, Wigfall, Williams and Wren—30.

Nays: Messrs. Speaker, Bogart, Cochran, Hendricks, Johnson, Lott, Runnels, Smith of Red River, Smith of Shelby, Speights, Stapp, Stewart and Tarrant—13. So the motion was carried.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Franklin, Russell, Shepard, Lewis, Speights, Dickson, Williams, Tarrant, Owen and Clements, to compose said committee.

A message was received from the Senate, through their Secretary, Mr. Raymond, informing the House of the passage of a bill to be entitled an act requiring the Commissioner appointed by an act creating the county of Hunt, to deliver up certain documents &c.—a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Benjamin Burke, and a bill to be entitled an act to legalize the acts of the county Surveyor of the county of Cass.

Mr. Stapp moved that the rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, in order to take up the bill to be entitled an act accepting the propositions made by the United States to the State of Texas, etc., etc., upon which the yeas and nays were called for and stood as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Speaker, Bogart, Burney, Charlton, Cochran, Dickson, Fields, Hardeman of Nacogdoches, Hardeman of Travis, Hendricks, Holland, Johnson, Jowers, Lloyd, Lott, McKinney, Owen, Patrick, Polk, Reynolds, Runnels, Russell, Scott, Selman, Shaw, Shea, Smith of Red River, Smith of Shelby, Speights, Stapp, Sterne, Stewart, Taylor of Cass, Williams, and Wren—35

Nays—Messrs. Bryan, Clements, Franklin, Hunt, Shepard, Tarrant, Taylor of Harrison and Wigfall—8.

So the rule was suspended—bill taken up and read third time, the yeas and nays being called for on its final passage stood as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Speaker, Bogart, Burney, Charlton Clements,

Cochran, Crump, Dickson, Fields, Franklin, Gillet, Hardeman of Nacogdoches, Hardeman of Travis, Hendricks, Holland, Johnson, Jowers, Lloyd, Lott, McKinney, Owen, Patrick, Polk, Reynolds, Runnels, Russell, Scott, Selman, Shaw, Shea, Smith of Red River, Smith of Shelby, Speights, Stapp, Sterne, Stewart, Tarrant, Taylor of Cass, Williams and Wren—40.

Nays—Messrs. Bryan, Hunt, Shepard, Taylor of Harrison and Wigfall—5. So the bill passed

On motion the House adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

AUSTIN, November 23, 1850.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

Absentees—Messrs. Bee, Franklin, Jowers, Patrick, Scott, Shea, Wigfall and Winfield.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Fields submitted the petition of Daniel Merritt praying the passage of a law, giving to his wife Cynthia R. Merritt the entire control of her property, real and personal; referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hardeman of Travis, submitted the petition of William H. Parker, of the State of Virginia, praying the passage of a law, authorizing the proper officers of the State to issue to him duplicates of certain bonds; referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. McKinney, Russell and Scott.

Mr. Shea, submitted the petition of John Gillespie, praying for relief; referred to the committee on private land claims.

Mr. Crump submitted the petition of the county court of Bexar county, praying the power to increase the county taxes of said county; referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Shea submitted the petition of John Gillespie, praying for relief; referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

Mr. Scott submitted the petition of Henry Tierwester, praying for relief; referred to the committee on private land claims.

Mr. Holland submitted the petition of Aquilla Brinkley praying for relief; referred to the committee on private land claims.

Mr. Smith of Shelby, chairman of the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Lopez, reported a bill for his relief, and recommended its passage.